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1. PHIBLEX 2-75, A ROUTINE SIXTH FLEET/GREEK AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN GYTHION, GREECE AUGUST 20-30, 1974, IS NOT BEING SCHEDULED OR UNDERTAKEN IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES ENGENDERED BY THE CYPRUS SITUATION.

2. PHIBLEX 3-75, UNILATERAL SIXTH FLEET TRAINING EXERCISE, IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN KYPARISSIA, GREECE SEPTEMBER 3-9, 1974. EXERCISE DEEP FURROW 74/PHIBLEX 4-75, A LARGE

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SCALE NATO SOUTHERN REGION FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE DESIGNED

TO TEST THE AUGMENTATION OF THE SOUTHERN FLANK, IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN GREECE SEPTEMBER 19 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 1974. IN VIEW OF THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN GREECE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE FROM A POLITICAL VIEWPOINT ON THE ADVISABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF HOLDING THESE TWO EXERCISES AS SCHEDULED. WE WILL ALSO BE EXAMINING THEIR FEASIBILITY IN LIGHT OF SIXTH FLEET COMMITMENTS VIS-A-VIS THE CYPRUS SITUATION.

3. SINCE AUGUST 4, 1974 IS LAST DATE FOR CANCELLATION OF PHIBLEX 3-75 BEFORE FUNDS BEGIN TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE EXERCISE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 2, 1974. INGERSOLL

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